



# 2020

## Annual Report

A Year for Resilience



Friends of the  
Lincoln Public Library

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# Our Mission

## To support and promote the Lincoln Public Library

Established in 1986, the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL) is an all-volunteer, membership-supported, non-profit corporation, registered as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The City of Lincoln, Sierra College, and Western Placer Unified School District provide much of the funding for Library operations. However, the library could not provide the programs and services it does without the additional financial support provided by FOLL and the numerous volunteers who give hours of their time.

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# A Year for Resilience

Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity. We are proud to say that, in 2020, the Lincoln Public Library demonstrated an abundance of resilience in serving our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. The library redesigned how patrons accessed the library's collection and participated in library programs. The Friends of the Lincoln Public Library (FOLL) helped in these efforts by providing funds, when needed, and providing flexibility in how committed funds were used by the library. In 2020, FOLL provided \$46,450 of financial support for library programs and services.

In partnership with the Lincoln Public Library staff, we strive to enhance the library experience for all library patrons and the greater community of Lincoln, Western Placer Unified School District, Sierra College and greater Placer County. We look forward to a return to regular hours and welcoming patrons back to the library to enjoy the many programs that FOLL supports and funds.

## Summer Reading and Other Reading Challenges

FOLL provided the initial funding for Beanstack by Zoobean, which enabled the library to create, manage, and measure reading challenges using a customized website and an easy-to-use mobile app.



FOLL provides the primary funding for the Summer Reading Program. Summer reading programs encourage children and teens to make reading a lifelong habit, draw in reluctant readers with activities, help children keep their skills up over the summer, and generate interest in the library and books.

The theme for Summer Reading 2020 was "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover." In addition to providing the initial funding for Beanstack, FOLL purchased books for reading rewards and theme-based materials.

In 2020, about 500 readers enrolled in the Beanstack Summer Reading Program - 76 pre-readers, 219 kids, 54 teens, and 113 adults. Participants read 2,650 books, completed 3,053 activities, earned 3,720 badges and collected 427 book rewards. All teens who completed the reading challenge were entered in a random drawing for a \$50 gift certificate.

In November 2020, the library offered the "Fall Into Reading" reading challenge using the Beanstack platform.

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<sup>1</sup> In October 2020, the California Library Association purchased a statewide 3-year license for public libraries, The initial funding provided by FOLL allowed the library to deliver the Beanstack program during Summer 2020.

## Children's Programs

In a typical year, FOLL provides support for a variety of children's programs held on-site at the library — Mother Goose on the Loose (MGOL), Family Story Time, Family Movie Night and others. The library ceased all on-site programs in early March 2020.

### Virtual Story Time

Since children could not come to the library for programs, the library staff brought the programs to the children at their homes via the internet. Through Facebook, library staff were able to stay in touch with toddlers and young children who would have attended the on-site MGOL and Family Story Time sessions. Starting in May 2020, staff welcomed Facebook viewers and read a new story every Wednesday and Thursday. Each year, FOLL provides the funding for staff time dedicated to MGOL. Until MGOL can return, FOLL is providing the funds for staff time dedicated to virtual story time.



*Pictured: Tonie Jenkins (library staff) and Alex Jenkins (volunteer).*



*Pictured: Amanda Toohey (library staff)*

### Take-Home Craft & Book

In December 2020, the library began offering take-home bags with a craft for young children. The initial take-home bag celebrated Jólábókaflóð, an Icelandic tradition of exchanging books on Christmas Eve.

FOLL provided funds for take-home bags which included seasonal bookmarks to color, crayons and a book to read.



## Library's Collection

The library provides our community with the most current books, media and other resources.

Again this year, FOLL purchased children's books for the younger patrons and large print books and audio books to ensure our senior patrons, especially those with impaired vision, have access to the latest materials. FOLL also purchased books to expand the library's collection for Black History month.

## Online Resources

Patrons can access online information and help anywhere from their own electronic devices with a WiFi connection. Annually, FOLL purchases:

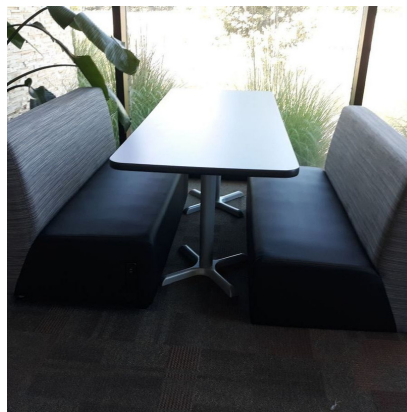
- **EBSCO Host** which provides patrons with multiple resources, including Novelist and Legal Information Reference Center.
- **Brainfuse**, which provides tutoring in virtually every subject and access to expert coaches for every stage of a job search.
- **Gale Testing and Reference Center**, a valuable online tool library patrons and students of all ages can use for standardized test preparation, researching and selecting college and graduate schools, finding tuition assistance, and exploring careers.



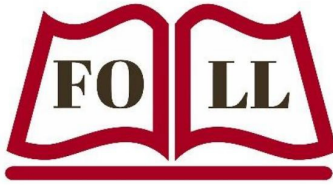
In 2020, FOLL also provided \$2,000 for Kanopy, the on-demand film streaming service popular with many library patrons. This stop-gap payment ensured that library could continue offering Kanopy until City funding was again available in July.

## Teen Space Remodel

FOLL provided \$6,575 to supplement a Maximizing Learning Spaces project grant<sup>2</sup> dedicated to refurbishing the library's teen space. Due to "social distancing" requirements, the library has delayed setting up the new furnishings. When complete, the teen space will have a café-like atmosphere with comfortable seating areas for groups and individuals.



<sup>2</sup> The Maximizing Learning Spaces project is a collaboration between the California State Library and the Southern California Library Cooperative to help public libraries evaluate, re-imagine and furnish under-utilized library spaces to maximize their potential for reading, literacy and learning.



## Friends of the Lincoln Public Library

Message from the FOLL President

Dear Friends,

This year brought its share of challenges. Our community adjusted to “shelter in place” orders, social distancing and the wearing of masks. The FOLL Board held Zoom meetings and searched for opportunities to support the Lincoln Public Library in its efforts to continue to serve our community while keeping its patrons and staff safe.

We are grateful to our Library Manager and her staff who quickly adapted to this new environment by offering “curbside service” and programs over the internet, including Story Time on Facebook and book clubs by Zoom sessions. The library offered online reading challenges and continued hosting trivia nights, author visits and science talks with the use of Zoom. The Library accomplished all this while implementing a new Integrated Library System and continuing its preparation for the opening of the Twelve Bridges High School. We are truly fortunate to have such an outstanding group of City employees.

We are also fortunate to have the many volunteers who help with library operations and FOLL activities. Working behind the scenes (before opening hours), volunteers are checking in books and other materials, pulling hold requests from the shelves, and re-shelving returned items that have been released from quarantine. Volunteers are sorting book and media donations and restocking the FOLL daily book sale area. And last, but not least, we must acknowledge our hardworking board members who have continued to work during the pandemic on fundraising and community outreach.

The library is now open with modified hours under a “grab and go” model. We look forward to the day when we again can attend events at the library and hear children chanting “clap your hands” on Thursdays during the Mother Goose on the Loose Program. FOLL is also looking forward to helping our library serve the students attending the new high school and the many new residents joining our wonderful community.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2021.

*Mary Nader*

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February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Dear Members of the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library,

I hope that 2021 finds you and your families well. I know that over the last year, we have all struggled with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on our health, our social lives, our employment, and our optimism. Thank you, in these difficult times, for continuing to support the Friends of the Lincoln Public Library and the Lincoln Public Library. Your continued investment in this community resources has allowed the library to continue serving our community in new and innovative ways in a time when access to free, accurate, and relevant information was more critical than ever.

With your support, the Lincoln Public Library was able to continue to offer programs for all ages online, attended by just over 8000 participants. These programs included Summer Reading, story times, book clubs, trivia nights, author events, homework help, literacy tutoring, and more. Through curbside service and limited reopening in October, we circulated over 94,000 items to make staying home more enjoyable. Without the support of the Friends, the Library would not have been able to adapt quickly to COVID-19 and offer these services that benefited thousands of cardholders over 2020.

Thank you for your part in investing in our community and ensuring that the Lincoln Public Library can provide the resources and services that our community deserves. I hope that as you read this report, you are filled with pride for all your amazing organization has accomplished in this difficult time. While we are not out of the woods yet, better times are on the horizon.

With gratitude,

*Kathryn Hunt*

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Director of Library Services  
Lincoln Public Library

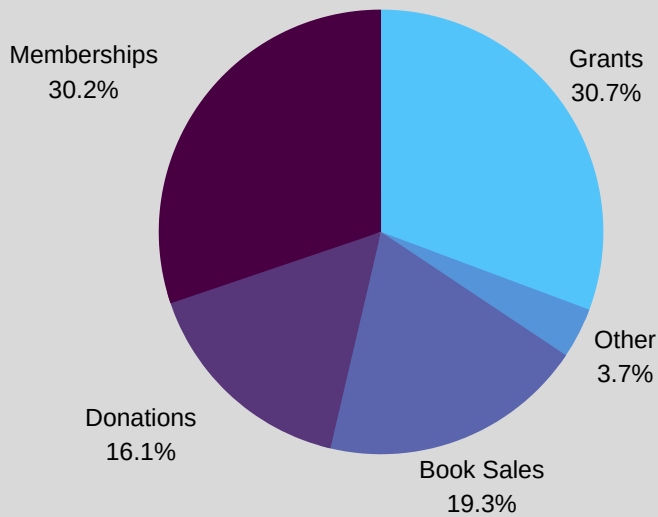
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# 2020 Receipts and Disbursements

## Receipts \$45,618



Fund Balance -  
December 31, 2019      \$153,328

### Receipts:

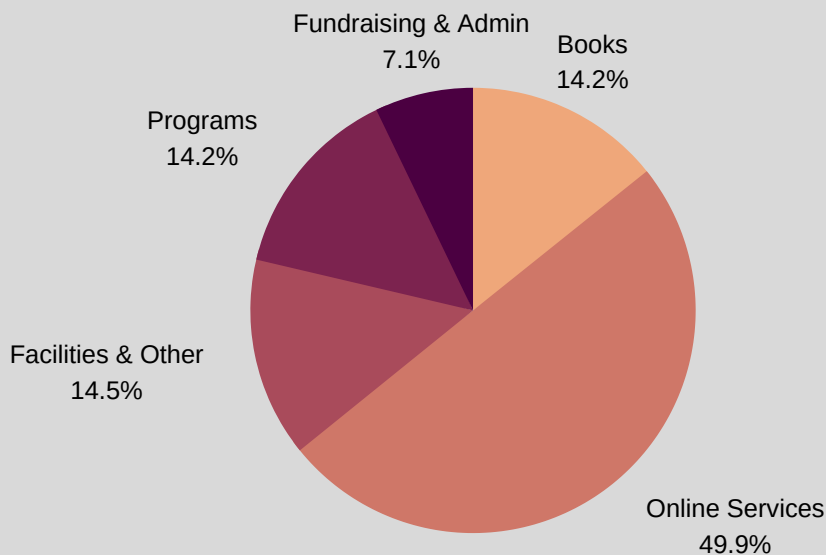
Book Sales	\$8,803
Membership	\$13,779
Donations	\$7,360
Grants	\$14,000
Other	\$1,676

### Disbursements:

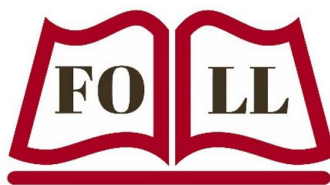
Online Services	\$25,002
Books	\$7,135
Programs	\$7,101
Facilities & Other	\$7,254
Fundraising & Admin	\$3,580

Fund Balance -  
December 31, 2020      \$148,874

## Disbursements \$50,072







## Friends of the Lincoln Public Library

February 7, 2021

**To:** FOLL Board Members

**From:** Financial Review Committee

**Subject:** 2020 FOLL Financial Review Report

The Financial Review Committee met on February 2, 2021 at the Lincoln Public Library to review the financial year-end report for December 31, 2020 and bank statements and supporting documentation for the period January 1 through December 31, 2020. The review committee was comprised of the following FOLL Board members: Mary Nader and Wanda Melilli.

FOLL's financial assets are currently maintained in three bank accounts: one checking account and two certificates of deposit. FOLL uses cash basis reporting. The Treasurer uses the software program Quicken to maintain the financial records. Revenue is recorded when the deposits are made to the bank. Expenses are recorded when checks are written or electronic fund transfers or other withdrawals are made from the bank. The Treasurer submits a monthly report to the FOLL board on fund balances and revenue and expenses.

Our review was limited to:

- Confirming that the beginning balances shown in the Quicken file reconciled to the beginning balance shown on the January 2020 statements provided by the financial institutions holding the FOLL assets.
- Confirming that the ending balances shown in the Quicken file reconciled to the beginning balance shown on the December 2020 statements provided by the financial institutions.
- Confirming that appropriate supporting documentation was on file for deposits made, checks written, electronic fund transfers, and other withdrawals from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

We concluded that the December 31, 2020 year-end report accurately represents the financial status of FOLL. We found no irregularities in the records.

The Financial Review Committee wishes to express gratitude to Gloria Pilotti-Irey, FOLL Treasurer, for her thoroughness and organization of the FOLL records.

*Mary Nader*

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FOLL President

*Wanda Melilli*

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# Director Reports

## Book Sales

Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated "back room" volunteers sorting books for the daily sale, pre and post "Shelter in Place" orders, along with the continuing work of our online sellers, the book sale crew generated \$8,802 in sales in 2020. Of this, \$4,357 came from our online sellers. Thanks to their work during the library closure and SIP, we were able to generate 55 percent of our goal of \$16,000, an accomplishment we are proud of during this difficult year.

In addition, our volunteers passed on donations of popular titles in hardback to the library, thus saving the library the expense of purchasing additional copies. We also worked with library staff on the DVDs and audio books collections, using our new and near-new donations to replace/update and add to the collections. In 2020, seven audio books and 103 DVDs, valued at \$1,238 were processed by the FOLL for the library.



*Pictured: Donations in quarantine in the Willow Room.*



*Pictured: FOLL daily book sale area.*

## Our 2020 Family of Book Sale Volunteers

Karen Allen	Alice Dehner	Wanda Melilli
Virginia Ayala	Linda Derosier	Linda Morley
Adrienne Barnard	Jeri Ferris	Sally Murad
Fred Bernstein	Sharon Gorley	Joann Patterson
Rosemary Bryan	Tina Gray	Paul Radcliffe
Cyrenna Burgess	Charlotte Grone	Lynne Rossi
Nancy Calcese	Marie Hutchinson	Marley Sky
Sarah Carroz	Lorna Keith	Jan Voyles
Emily Castiblanco	Vi Kuka	Carol Yelton
Jennifer Castiblanco		

## Community Outreach

FOLL conducts outreach activities to showcase the Lincoln Public Library and the diverse educational resources it offers to Lincoln and surrounding communities.



Prior to March 2020 COVID-19 gathering restrictions, FOLL participated in community organization meetings and a local residential expo. Subsequent outreach activities were conducted via electronic communications and video conferencing. Throughout 2020, FOLL pursued several courses of action to increase awareness of how community members of all ages can effectively utilize Library resources.

*Pictured at Sun City Lincoln Hills Lifestyles Expo: Karen Allen, Sharon Gorley, Amanda Toohey (library staff) and Tonie Jenkins (library staff).*

In December, FOLL participated in the City of Lincoln's Holiday Tree Lane. The event provided area businesses and organizations with the opportunity to decorate a holiday tree that represented their presence in the community. The Tree Lane was a popular outdoor holiday activity and was highlighted on local television. FOLL's tree was selected as "Most Festive".



*Pictured: Our tree decorators -- Gloria Pilotti Irely, Linda Derosier, Jeri Ferris, Lynne Rossi and Mary Nader*

## Grants

FOLL was fortunate this year to receive grants from three local Lincoln foundations, a local fraternal organization, and the County of Placer. These grants totaled \$14,000!

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, many organizations were not able to fundraise as they have in past years. We are honored to receive these monies in spite of the quarantine. They make it possible for us to continue our mission “To Support and Promote the Lincoln Public Library.”



### Grants received in 2020:

Lincoln Hills Foundation	\$5,000	Large Print and Audio Books
Lincoln Rotary Club	\$1,000	Children's books
Lincoln Community Foundation	\$1,500	School Library Tours
Sierra Pacific Foundation	\$1,500	Summer Reading
Placer Community Foundation Shares Fund	\$5,000	Covid-19 Relief <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Grant awarded to non-profits under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security Act (CARES).

## Hospitality

FOLL hosted an author event in February 2020 and Family Movies Nights in January and February 2020. We look forward to when FOLL can again host these and other events at our library.

## Membership

The number of FOLL members has continued to grow over the past years.

2018	245 members
2019	322 members
2020	395 members

In addition to the memberships, FOLL received donations from business and nonprofit sponsors and many other families and individuals in our community, including Big Day of Giving donors. Thank you to all who continue to support the library with your donations to FOLL.

And a special thanks to YJ (Lucia) Huh for her many volunteer hours processing membership and donations and maintaining the FOLL database.

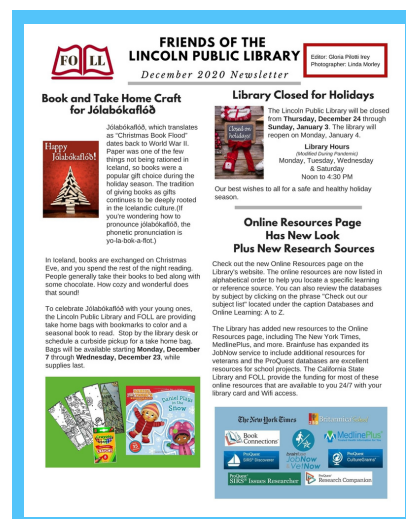
## Newsletter

The number of email subscribers to the FOLL monthly newsletter grew slightly during 2020.

December 2018	480 subscribers
December 2019	731 subscribers
December 2020	767 subscribers

We also have 18 subscribers who received a printed newsletter by postal mail. The printed newsletter is also available in the library and on the FOLL website.

Thank you Gloria Pilotti-Irey, our editor and Linda Morley, our photographer.



## Website and Social Media

The FOLL website continued to be a great source for information about the Library and FOLL. The NEWS page kept members informed on recent FOLL activities and the EVENT page kept all website visitors up to date on upcoming Library events. Thank you Lynne Rossi and your assistant, Gloria Pilotti-Irey, for all the work you do to maintain the website.

# 2020 Major Contributors

## Individual & Family Members

### Publisher Level - \$500 or More

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Kupcho-Hawksworth Family

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# 2020 Board and Committees

## 2020 Board of Directors

### Officers

President	Mary Nader
Vice President	Jo Jones
Secretary	Jeri Chase Ferris
Treasurer	Gloria Pilotti-Irey

### Directors

Book Sales	Sharon Gorley
Community Outreach	Kathy Snelson
Grants	Linda Derosier
Hospitality	Wanda Melilli
Membership	Cindy Kenna
Website & Social Media	Lynne Rossi

Newsletter Director position was vacant during 2020

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## 2020 Committees

### Financial Review Committee

*Mary Nader and Vi Kuka*

### Big Day of Giving Committee

*Gloria Pilotti Irey and Lynne Rossi*





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